



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **VIRGINIA PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and well-being of all Virginians are important to the prosperity and livelihood of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of 9-1-1 assistance enhances the safety of Virginia's communities by enabling public safety response teams to quickly attend to emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of dedicated public safety telecommunicators serve Virginia's communities every day by responding to requests for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services and by dispatching the appropriate public safety provider teams as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, professional public safety telecommunicators provide the vital link between public safety providers and those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators throughout Virginia participate in over three million 9-1-1 emergency calls each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for all Virginians to use 9-1-1 services responsibly by calling only during legitimate emergency situations, and by doing so we may increase the efficiency of public safety systems and improve the likelihood of saving lives and prevailing in emergency situations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize April 11-17, 2004, as **PUBLIC-SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Mark R. Warner*  
Governor

*Anita A. Rinker*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth